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1. WE TEND TO AGREE WITH WASHINGTON'S ASSESSMENT THAT
IS PREMATURE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PRESSURE MEMBER
STATES ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT.
EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, WE WILL PROBABLY NEED TO MAKE SUCH
APPROACHES. IN GENERAL, WHEN ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO
THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THE COMMUNITY
FRAMEWORK, AND ONE OR TWO MEMBER STATES ARE MAINTAINING
POSITIONS AGAINST OUR INTERESTS, IT IS OFTEN USEFUL FOR
US TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE MEMBER STATES TO ALTER THEIR
POSITIONS. THIS ASSUMES (1) THAT OUR LEVERAGE WILL HAVE
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SOME EFFECT AND (2) THAT WE KNOW PRECISELY WHERE WE
WANT THE MEMBER STATES TO COME DOWN. SOMETIMES, WE
MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE MEMBER STATES' APPRAISAL
OF THE SITUATION.

2. IN THE CURRENT CASE, HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS STILL
TOO FLUID. WE STRONGLY DOUBT THAT APPROACHES IN LONDON

OR PARIS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT AT THIS STAGE TO PERSUADE THE MEMBER STATES TO AGREE TO RENEW THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT WITHOUT CHANGE AND WITHOUT INTERPRETATION. IN THE FRENCH CASE, THE POLICY WAS SET OUT BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT PRECISELY THE VARIOUS MEMBER STATES ARE GOING TO INSIST UPON IN ORDER TO APPROVE A MANDATE FOR THE COMMISSION TO "NEGOTIATE THE RENEWAL" OF THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT. UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS CLEAR, WE WILL NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO PUSH THE MEMBER STATES WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE FEASIBLE. IN ADDITION, APPROACHES TO THE MEMBR STATES AT THIS STAGE COULD CAUSE FURTHER CONFUSION. THE MEMBER STATES WOULD CLEARLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY US APPROACH TO BEGIN TO NEGOTIATE. IT IS UNLIKEOY THAT THE TWO MEMBER STATES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE, WOULD NOT PUT FORWARD "NEGOTIATING" POSITIONS AND THEN TYR TO GET US REACTIONS BEFORE CONTINUING TO TRY TO WORK THE MATTER OUT IN THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT.

4. THUS, THOUGH WE REALIZE THE SITUATION IS FAR FROM SATISFACTORY, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS BETTER THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOLD OFF PRESSURING THE MEMBER STATES UNTIL THE SITUATION HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT CLEARER--WHILE CONSTANTLY PUSHING THE COMMISSION TO TRY TO SQUEEZE OUT A COMMUNITY POSITION AS CLOSE TO OUR CURRENT ONE AS IT CAN.

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AWAY IN THE CURRENT SET OF COMMISAION MEMBER STATE MEETINGS AND THE SALIENT ISSUES AND MEMBER STATE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, IT MIGHT BE QUITE HELPFUL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO WEIGH IN IN EXPRESS-ING ITS VIEW ON THESE LIMITED AND SPECIFIC ISSUES. HINTON

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